

## Description of Saint Paul's Form of Government

The city charter provides for a municipal corporation governed by an elected chief executive, the mayor, and an elected legislative body, the city council. The form of government is commonly referred to as "strong mayor-council." Elections are held in November of odd-numbered years, with a four-year term for the mayor and four-year terms for councilmembers. Each of the seven councilmembers is elected from a separate ward; the seven wards are approximately equal in population.

The mayor recommends appointments for department/office directors and members of boards and commissions for council approval, and is responsible for the direction and control of departments and offices. The mayor recommends policies and budgets to the city council. The mayor exercises all powers and performs all executive duties given by the city charter, city ordinances and state laws. The mayor has the authority to veto council actions. The council can override the mayor's veto with a minimum of five votes.

The council is the legislative body, setting policies by enacting ordinances and resolutions. It can monitor and maintain liaison with community groups to assure adequate citizen participation. The council analyzes, adopts and monitors the city budget. Councilmembers prepare and promote the city's legislative program. They serve on boards and commissions of certain intergovernmental agencies.

### Elected Officials

| Office          | Name                | Term Expires |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Mayor           | Randy C. Kelly      | 01-01-2006   |
| Councilmembers: |                     |              |
| District 1      | Jerry Blakey        | 01-01-2004   |
| District 2      | Christopher Coleman | 01-01-2004   |
| District 3      | Patrick Harris      | 01-01-2004   |
| District 4      | Jay Benanav         | 01-01-2004   |
| District 5      | Jim Reiter          | 01-01-2004   |
| District 6      | Daniel Bostrom      | 01-01-2004   |
| District 7      | Kathy Lantry        | 01-01-2004   |

### Appointed Officials

| Department/Office               | Director's Name   | Term Expires       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Citizen Services                | Donald Luna       | *                  |
| City Attorney                   | Manuel Cervantes  | *                  |
| Financial Services              | Matt Smiht        | *                  |
| Fire and Safety Services        | Tim Fuller        | 04-02-2003         |
| Human Rights                    | Tyrone Terrill    | *                  |
| Human Resources                 | Angie Nalezny     | *                  |
| License Inspec. Env. Protection | Roger Curtis      | *                  |
| Deputy Mayor                    | Dennis Flaherty   | *                  |
| Parks and Recreation            | Bob Bierscheid    | *                  |
| Planning and Econ. Development  | Martha Fuller     | *                  |
| Police                          | William Finney    | 07-17-2004         |
| Public Libraries                | Gina La Force     | Classified Service |
| Public Works                    | Bob Sandquist     | *                  |
| RiverCentre                     | Bill Huepenbecker | **                 |
| Technology and Mgmt Servcs.     | Karen Johnson     | *                  |
| Regional Water Services         | Bernie Bullert    | Classified Service |

\* Serves at pleasure of the Mayor

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